A FAMOUS EDITOR LIVED HERE

Nathaniel Patten, Who Contributed Much to Missouri Journalism Spent Six Years of His Life in Columbia.

It has been characteristic of the New the printing of that speech, hence the Engiander who emigrated westward newspaper. to carry the torch of civilization fed Nathaniel Patten was born in 1793 Post Office in 1820and freedom of speech. Whereever land family. His father, an educated he has settled there has sprung up a and cultured man, devoted much time church, and, at almost the same mo- to the teaching of Nathaniel. Leavcised that right. Freedom of speech Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, in 1812has necessarily brought into existence

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with three oils, the church, the school at Roxbury, Mass., of an old New Engment a school. Freedom of speech he ing New England in 1808, the family has claimed as a right and has exer- moved westward, finally settling in Intelligencer varied in size from week

> It was here that Patten had his first experience as an editor. Although later charged with having opposed the War of 1812, Patten asserted that he favored the war and toward its close gave it his hearty support.

Emigrates to Missourl.

With the wanderlust still burning er to Fayette in February, 1826. strongly, Nathaniel Patten left Kentucky and emigrated to Missouri, ar- ed for nearly four years and Patten sis upon which government can rest. riving here in 1818. He settled at was slightly better off financially and it will be the first object of this paper Franklin, which was then in Howard in health than he had been at Frank- to make truth, on all occasions, its County on the Missouri River. Frank- lin. lin was the most prosperous town in thousand and bidding fair to grow at riage. a fast rate.

inhabitant of Franklin, Benjamin Hol- gave rise to an opposition paper, the liday, and began the publication of the Missouri Intelligencer and Boone's editor, wished to join forces with Pat-ments of our rulers upon the consti-Lick Advertiser," the first issue being ten and support Jackson, a proposi- tutional rights of our people, will nevdated April 23, 1819. The paper con tion to which Patten steadily refused er be viewed in silence. But, to mainsisted of four pages, each twelve by to assent. The result was a bitter tain unalloyed the right of suffrage; eighten inches, five columns to the newspaper fight on personal as well the liberty of conscience in matters page. This was the first paper west as political grounds. of St. Louis and North of the Missouri River-the first country newspaper in

ty in collecting his debts and was appointed Postmaster in September. proved his undoing as he was held to he believed to be true. He attacked

Difficulty in Getting News.

Mail was slow in these early days and Patten had great difficulty in geter out on time. Because of this, the creeds. His paper held the leading the milk supply, it is especially im-

would not live up to its expectations. Fayette had been made the county seat. Boonville, was drawing much of Franklin's trade and the river was undermining the town. Consequently Patten moved himself and his pap-

He met and married Miss Mathilda Missouri except St. Louis, at that Gaither, formerly of Maryland, who shackled by the influence of any party time, having a population of about one lived only two years after the mar-

Patten formed a partnership with an Quincy Adams for President, and this estimation.

Moved to Columbia.

Patten closed out the Intelligencer at the editors. Fayette in 1830. He moved to Columhence the first issue of the Intelligen- the columns of the Intelligencer." cer published at Columbia appeared May 4, 1830.

ces and health, than ever before

paper to a group of Whigs under the sent in a letter advocating nullificaleadership of James S. Rollins and tion and upholding South Carolina, he Thomas Miller.

He was in poor health, though only forty-three years of age. In a few shall be made a vehicle for dissematmonths he moved to St. Charles and ing a doctrine which aims so deadly a undertook the publication of "The St. blow at the Union of the States-we Charles Clarion and Missouri Commer- cannot reconcile it to our own feelcial and Agricultural Register." He ings-to that ardent attachment which died there, November 24, 1837 at the we have felt for our beloved country, age of forty-five.

Gave Much to Journalism.

The contribution of Nathaniel Pat- this communication." ten to Missouri Journalism is large. Patten's conception of the duties of paper in what is now the state of Mis- that held today. He says: souri, but he did more than that. He "The appropriate duties of an ediwhich were new to the time but which enoble the minds of the people; to elenewspapers throughout the country. bosoms of their patrons. Patten conducted a newspaper inde-

pendent of any political party or of

enough to furnish Patten with a live- bored hard, very hard," he wrote, lihood, so he was forced to do job "that we might at all times pursue an journalism of the world.-F. H. H. printing and carry on a small mer- MORE MORE MORE MORE MORE chandising business. He had difficul- independent course and speak thots without fear, favor of affection."

He thot out his own political troub-1819. This position, however, finally les and then fearlessly published what account for an \$800 robbery to the persons and measures of all parties which he thot did not measure up to the highest. Altho inclined to the During this summer season when Whigs, Patten was never their tool.

tracted many friends of all political Missouri Argus and the St. Louis Re-By 1826 it was seen that Franklin publican, both published in St. Louis.

The platform published by Patten in the early days of the Intelligencer throws much light on his character has been giving good results unless cool until consumed. PERCY WERand on the character of the paper. It is quoted in part.

His Object Was Truth.

"Truth being the first principle of Here the Intelligencer was publish- virtue-virtue being the only sure bapolar star.

"One firm and steady course-un--will dictate the discharge of their editorial functions. Respect for pub-Patten espoused the case of John lic sentiments will always be held in

"As the tendency of our government Western Monitor. James H. Birch, its is towards aristocracy, the encroachof religion; the liberty of the press and the freedom of speech; and to Worn out by the fight and being in- keep separate and distinct ecclesiasvited by the citizens of Columbia in tical and civil concerns, will always Boone County to move his paper there, be subjects enlisting the exertions of

"Public measures and public charbia but did not intend to renew his acter and acts of individuals in office newspaper activity for some time. The will always be considered just sub-Monitor, however, still fighting him, jects of investigation, but no private decided him to begin a newspaper at quarrels or the aspersion of private once in order to answer the attacks, characters, will find admission into

He Welcomed Contributions.

Patten welcomed contributions by Patten's six years in Columbia were outsiders and seldom refused to print the happiest and most prosperous of both sides of a question. One of the his life. He married Mrs. Eliza Hol- rare cases when he refused to do so man, widow of Dr. John Holman, in was in regard to millification. Patten, 1831. He fared better, both in flanan- himself a slaveholder, considered the Constitution of the United States as On December 5, 1835 Patten sold his inviolate, and when one of his readers

"We cannot consent that this press to countenance, directly or indirectly. the pernicious principles advocated in

He established the first country news- an editor is practically identical with

laid down principles for Journalism tor are, to enlighten, to improve, and have since been vindicated and are vate public sentiment and to infuse now followed by a vast number of kind and generous feelings into the

"Our newspapers form so large a proportion of the reading of the community, that they have a controlling influence in the forming of public sentiment, and directing the movements and energies of the nation. It is then very desirable that the press should be conducted with more judgment and with a different temper than has usually been displayed by Ameri-

Opponents Respected Him.

The respect in which he and his paper were held by his opponents is shown by these quotations from the Missouri Argus, a Democratic paper published at St. Louis, which said the Intelligencer was "decidedly the best conducted and most influential opposition journal in the State-except the St. Louis Republic,

"We understand that a newspaper is to be established at St. Charles, to be called the Clarion, by N. Patten, Esq. We have room only to say that it will be one of the most liberal of

A New Englander by birth, a resident of Kentucky, and finally an adopted son of Missouri, Nathaniel Patten loved Missouri and devoted his time and his energies to her upbuilding. He believed in her future and worked heartily toward helping her accomplish that future. He wrote

"We have devoted seventeen years of our life in unceasing toil to advance the best interests of Missouri

"It has been his (Patten's) aim, thruout his long career, to act consistently, honestly and disinterestedly. He has also the satisfaction to believethat he has 'done the State some ser-

How great that service was, Patten never knew. It was not only to Missouri but to the world that Nathaniel Patten proved that a newspaper could be conducted along clean lines and high ideals, without being subsidised by any body of men. He blazed the

Missouri. It was published weekly any influence other than what the edi- way for clean, independent journalism and carried advertising, but was not tor believed to be right. "We have la- of the highest type. He put Missouri few diseases that are dangerous to journalism in the front rank of the milk users. If a cow appears to be in

BE CAREFUL OF THE MILK Percy Werner, Jr., Gives a Few Points on Keepink Milk Healthful.

Pure, clean sanitary milk is neces sary for babies and very important in the health of children and grown-ups. there is especial danger from typhoid, Patten's impersonal criticism at- infantile paralysis, or other diseases which may be transmitted through place in the state, together with the portant to patronize only those whose premises are carefully kept in accordance with the best methods prescribed by the inspectors. No change produced, difficulty will be experiencshould be made from a supply that ed in keeping it sweet if it is not kept there is reason to believe that the NER, Jr., Missouri Agricultural Ex-

Fortunately cows are subject to but good health and has no indications of adder inflammation, she can be counted on to give wholesome milk provided she is free from tuberculosis. The only way to be sure she is free from this disease is to have her tested by a competent veterinarian.

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